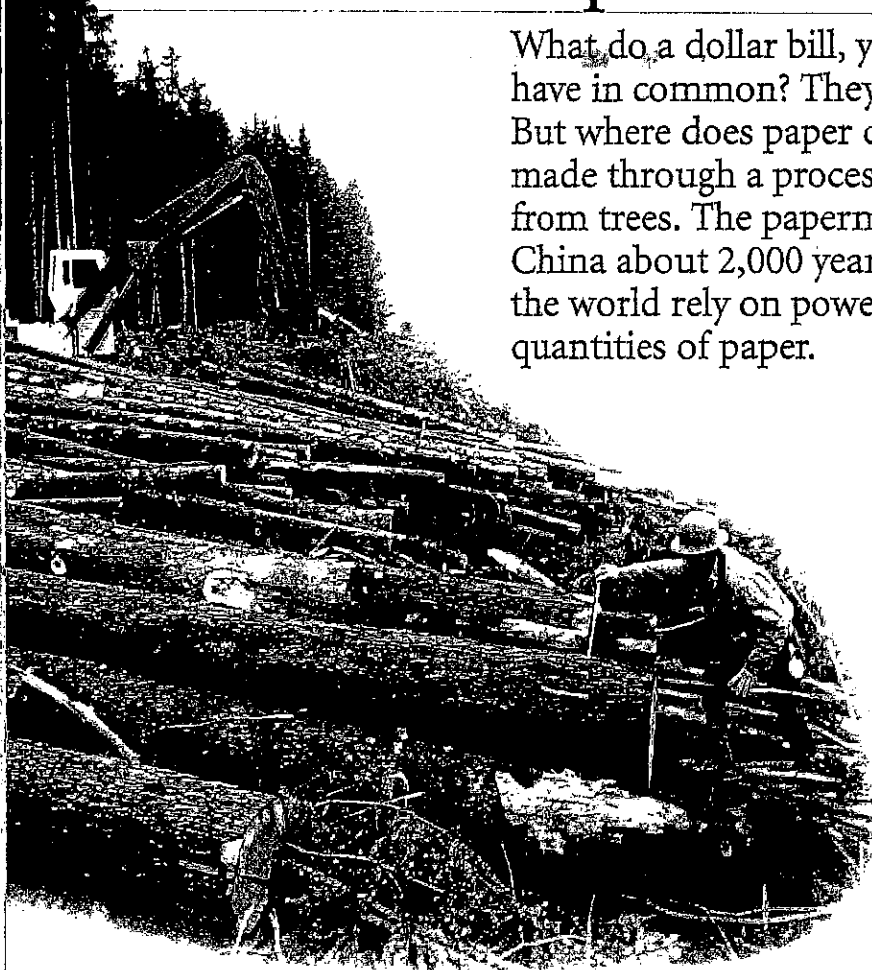


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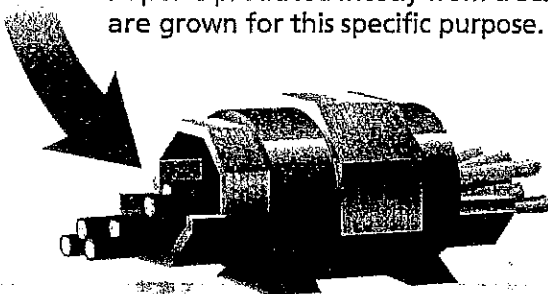
Paper

What do a dollar bill, your report card, and a comic book have in common? They are all printed on paper, of course! But where does paper come from? As shown here, paper is made through a process that typically starts with wood from trees. The papermaking process was first invented in China about 2,000 years ago. Today, paper mills around the world rely on powerful machines to produce huge quantities of paper.

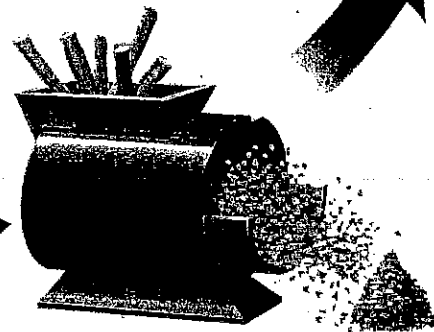


- 1** Trees are grown and harvested.

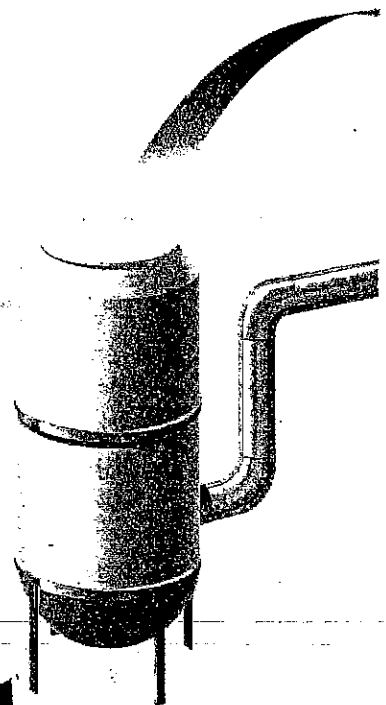
Paper is produced mostly from trees that are grown for this specific purpose.



- 2** Logs are de-barked.
The de-barker removes the bark from the logs.



- 3** Wood chips are made.
The chipper chops the wood into small pieces.



- 4** Pulp is formed.
Heat and chemicals break down the chips into fibers called pulp.